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Junk-food junkie's luck ran out

$18.6 million lotto winner dies from too much pleasure!

NO MORE BIRTHDAYS for Ernie Bailey, who killed himself with too much pleasure.

By MIKE FOSTER / Weekly World News

LONDON — When former factory worker Ernie Bailey won a staggering $18.6 million in the lottery, he went on a 20-month binge of smoking, drinking and stuffing himself with fast food — then dropped dead!

The 63-year-old widower weighed a porky 310 pounds when he keeled over in the luxury home he'd bought with his winnings, according to a British newspaper, The Sun.

Bailey — who hit the jackpot in April 1995 — had ignored doctors' advice to exercise, instead spending his time guzzling beer at local bars and staying up late to watch videos and pigging out on junk food.

He was told time and again to give up cigarettes because of a heart condition and cut out drinking to lose weight, but he loved his pleasures," one friend told the paper.

Angry relatives of the unlucky lottery winner deny reports that Bailey binged himself to death.

"Ernie had suffered three heart attacks and simply did not have the strength to binge," said Terry Latham, a close friend of the family.

"As far as the family is concerned, Ernie died in

World's first FEMALE sumo wrestlers!

TOKYO — Gutsy Japanese women are bellying their way into a sport that's been the exclusive domain of men for more than 1,868 years: sumo wrestling!

About 40 beefy females, wearing protective breast gear, recently climbed into the ring for the first All-Japan Women's Sumo Competition — and the grappling gals went at it with gusto. "These women have fattened themselves up like hogs — some of them weighing as much as 300 pounds," according to Tokyo sports commentator Hiro Sakuma.

"When their colossal bodies collide with each other, it looks like two full-grown hippos fighting — and feels like there's an earthquake going on under your feet. They're more aggressive than the men!"

Excited Japanese feminists hope that having females compete in the macho sport for the first time will explode the stereotype of Asian women as passive, mild-mannered geisha girls.

"People who believe that women should be ladylike and meek are just plain wrong," one contender, spunky Tokiko Saito, told the press.

But furious conservatives, who consider the sumo wrestler the ultimate symbol of masculinity, are ready to commit hari-kari over the addition of females to the sport.

"Radical women's libbers and greedy promoters are destroying one of our culture's most precious traditions," one editorial writer blasted.

Rapist gets his just deserts — from God!

TEHRAN, Iran — Burly 250-pound rapist Nasir Dowlat beat the odds after an Islamic court sentenced him to death by stoning — when he climbed out of an 18-foot-deep gravel pit, then fought his way through an angry mob of more than 300 people to safety.

The sex fiend escaped to the mountains, but ironically received his just deserts only days later. A 10-ton boulder dislodged by a rainstorm rolled downhill and crushed him like an ant!

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MYSTERIOUS GLOWING BALL BAFFLES SCIENTISTS!

ASTRONOMER Dean Laughton

By MIKE FOSTER/Weekly World News

Scientists admit they're baffled by a mysterious glowing ball videotaped zooming across Earth's upper atmosphere at 1/100th the speed of light.

They say the object couldn't be a falling meteor because of its blinding velocity . . . and because it swerved and went UP!

Incredibly, the strange phenomenon was followed by a massive and unexplained burst of energy out in space.

"This is one of the greatest unsolved mysteries in the history of science," declared astronomer Dean Laughton.

The glow was spotted in the skies on August 12 as Nebraska scientists studied thunderstorm activity. Navy Lt. Paul McCrone, a graduate student at Creighton University, videotaped the image.

"Its speed was staggering — about 1,800 miles per second. That's thousands of times faster than the most advanced jet fighter built by man," said Prof. Laughton of Sydney, Australia.

The object shot off . . . and soon afterward the space-based Compton Gamma Ray Observatory detected a series of four powerful blasts of gamma ray energy coming from a single spot in the sky. "Such flashes are totally unprecedented," said Prof. Laughton.

Scientists from around the world are scrambling all on the mystery. Here are the theories of four top experts:

Damaged UFO — Prof. Karl Van Der Meer, Johannesburg, South Africa: "The glow was moving much too fast to be any kind of natural object. This is powerful evidence that an alien spacecraft visited Earth, suffered a malfunction in our atmosphere and exploded on the return voyage to its home world."

Angelic activity — Prof. Friedreich Gauss, Bonn, Germany:

"The bright glow may actually have been an angel in flight, visiting Earth on a reconnaissance mission. The energy bursts might be coming from Heaven as God acted on the angel's report."

Interstellar war — Prof. Yves-Michel Gustave, Lyons, France:

"The glow may be the first visible evidence of a war between two alien races in outer space. The energy bursts could be coming from the explosion of their weapons."

Warning from God — Prof. Anton Mikhaylovich, Kiev, Russia: "Due to the amazing near-light speed of the glow, I conclude it has no mass at all.

"Maybe this was really a sign from God, warning us the end of the world is near. And perhaps the explosion detected was the destruction of another planet, heralding Judgment Day!"

PROFESSOR

Flashing spot in space raises tough questions

STRANGE PHENOMENON made headlines across the nation.

Could it be . . . a UFO, an angel, aliens or a sign from God?

By GEORGE SANFORD / Weekly World News

MAN GETS WORLD'S FIRST BODY TRANSPLANT!

Sheik's head is placed on the body of a 17-year-old brain-dead drowning victim

OMAN, Kuwait — Millionaire playboy Sheik Akhbar Al-Khatami wore out his aging body with decades of alcohol abuse, smoking, orgies and gluttony — so surgeons have outfitted him with a brand-new one!

In a breakthrough procedure, surgeons here boast that they have performed the world's first "total body transplant," placing the 71-year-old fat cat's head on the body of a 17-year-old brain-dead drowning victim.

"The patient required a new heart, liver, lungs and kidneys. Performing a complete body transplant was much safer and simpler than attempting to replace these organs one at a time," explained Dr. Ali Jarallah, Chief of Surgery at Mansour General Hospital.

"The sheik is in good condition and is expected to make a full recovery."

The first-of-its-kind operation, which took 14 hours, cost a staggering $10 million — but that's just a drop in the bucket for the sheik, who is said to be worth an estimated $100 billion. The moneybags royal devoted much of his huge fortune to high living, according to Kuwaiti newspapers.

He drank heavily, smoked four packs of high-tar cigarettes a day, ate a steady diet of rich, expensive foods and exposed himself to sexually transmitted diseases with dozens of private "parties" involving prostitutes. Ignoring doctors' advice to change his lifestyle, the sheik ended up hospitalized with advanced cirrhosis of the liver, lung cancer, gout, high blood pressure, multiple heart problems, end-stage kidney failure and gunorrhea.

"At age 71 he had the body of a 90-year-old man," said Dr. Jarallah. "He was told he had less than a year to live."

But surgery Al-Khatami refused to lie down and die.

Last fall, he summoned 24 top Arab physicians to his bedside and demanded a solution to his health problems.

"We told him that nothing could save him except a new body," recalled Dr. Jarallah. "And he said, 'Proceed.'"

HEART ATTACKS ARE TOUGHER ON SHORT FOLKS

Tall people are more likely to survive heart attacks, new research shows.

Lanky folks may have arteries that are larger in diameter, allowing blood to flow through them more easily, say scientists at Duke University.

Researchers at the school reached their conclusion by analyzing the records of 11,421 heart attack patients — and recommend that physicians consider height when evaluating heart attack risk.

How to tell how tall your child will be

Want to know how tall a child will be as an adult? You'll get an approximate answer by trying these simple formulas.

For girls: Take the father's height and subtract five inches. To that number add the mother's height and divide the total by two.

For boys: Take the mother's height and add five inches. To that number add the father's height and then divide the total by two.

The formulas work best when the mother and father are both

FROM HERE...

A horrified day on the slopes turned to tragedy in St. Anton, Austria, when this ski-lift car exploded in mid-air! The shocking incident began when the power electric lines carrying the car became dangerously frayed and exposed, causing more than a dozen cars to come to a sudden stop. As a local TV camera crew filmed an attempt to free the stuck skiers, one car's hydraulic power system came in contact with a raw electric wire — and KABOOM! The luckless skier, a 29-year-old male, was blown out of the car and plummeted more than 140 feet to the snowy mountainside. He was dead when medics reached him.

TO ETERNITY!

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Page 5 Girl!

Delectable Bobbi Rodewin hails from sun-drenched Del Mar, Calif., and tells us a radio station while awaiting her big break as a fashion and swimsuit model. The tantalizing 20-year-old loves to dance and ride horses and recently journeyed to Mexico to brush up on her Spanish. Oh yeah, her measurements: How does 36-25-36 sound?

If you'd like to be our Page 5 Girl, send a picture, a phone number where you can be reached and some information about yourself to Page 5, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast

GOTTA NERVOUS HABIT?... NEW FINDINGS TELL HOW TO STOP IT COLD!

By JUNE SAWYER
Weekly World News

You can get rid of annoying nervous habits such as nail-biting, hair-twirling, scratching, fidgeting or foot tapping by following these simple tips from experts after an extensive five-year study.

● First make yourself aware of your nervous habit. "Most habits are unconscious — we do them without thinking," says expert Jaclyn Ross.

"The key to getting rid of a habit is to become conscious of it."

So ask others if you have any nervous habits. When you recognize a nervous habit in yourself, look in a mirror and see what you look like doing it, or have someone take a photo or videotape that you can see from time to time to remind you of what you're doing.

● Build a warning device to make you aware of the habit as you're about to do it.

"The idea is to interrupt a habit before it happens," Ross said.

For example, if you're a nail-biter, you can program yourself to stop. Here's how: Imagine starting to bite your nails, then as you're bringing your hand to your mouth, imagine iodine or pepper on your fingers.

"Keep doing that over and over again," Ross said. "It's a form of self-hypnosis. Soon, whenever you start, your personal warning bell will ring and you'll stop."

● Figure out when you're most likely to engage in your nervous habits. For instance, you may use your habit to console yourself if you have to confront someone or talk with your boss. Knowing what triggers this behavior is an important step toward stopping it.

● Replace the habit with a different activity. "A key to solving the habit can be substituting something else," said psychiatrist Dr. Ralph Wittenberg.

NAIL-BITERS can program themselves to stop.

● Be patient — settle for gradual change in your behavior. You've probably had the habit for a long time. You can't expect it to go away overnight.

It's all right to have butterflies in your stomach. Just get them to fly in formation.

Drunk shocker!

History's greatest drunk was Tommy Johns of Brisbane, Australia. The booze-guzzling lush was arrested

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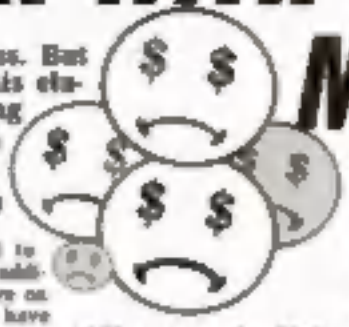

Everyone's trying to find happiness. But how much do you really know about this elusive quality? Here are some fascinating questions about happiness — and some answers that may surprise you.

Q. Is how satisfied you are with life likely to depend on where you live?

A. Yes. Studies reveal that environment is associated with a person's sense of well-being. In general, the larger the surrounding population, the less likely a person is to be satisfied with his or her life.

Q. Would most people be happy if they had more money?

A. No. People tend to overestimate the effect additional income would have on their lives, researchers have discovered. Having extra money doesn't [illegible] one's marriage, family life, social life or sense of well-being — and these are the areas most important to personal happiness and peace of mind.

Q. Are the happiest people those with the fewest responsibilities?

A. No — the opposite is true. Studies show that the more responsibilities people handle, the more likely they are to be happy and satisfied.

Q. Is it true that one of the most important elements in achieving happiness is to be yourself?

A. Yes. Research shows that unless you can act naturally, you'll never be happy — and the more you can be yourself, the closer you'll come to fulfilling your own needs.

Woman, 94, walks 112 yards — on her hands!

MUNICH, Germany — A 94-year-old woman scored a victory for old folks everywhere by walking 112 yards — on her hands!

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Burglar clips little boy's Chia Pet bald!

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — A heartless burglar broke into little Miguel Cabrera's bedroom — and clipped the green sprouts off his Chia Pet!

The louse found the ceramic planter, which is shaped like a man's head, and snipped it bald, leaving only a few strands of the grassy sprouts that resembled hair.

"Miguel cried when he saw it," said the 8-year-old boy's mother Maria. "He bought that with his allowance money."

The burglar also stole a bowl and loose change from the boy's piggy bank.

ZOO TIGER GETS AWAY WITH MURDER!

UNPREDICTABLE. Sheba has killed once. Will she kill again?

By ANN VICTORIA | Weekly World News

Strange pact protects big cat that ripped keeper to shreds!

MADRID, Spain — A bloodthirsty tiger that killed zoo attendant Leon Gomez will not be destroyed — because weeks before his death, Gomez begged the zoo's owner to spare the tiger's life no matter what she did to him!

Sheba, the 4-year-old female Siberian tiger had attacked Gomez once before, injuring his arm. No other keepers would go near her.

But Gomez, a devoted animal lover insisted on having personal contact with the animal when he cleaned her cage.

VICTIM: Leon Gomez.

The fatal attack occurred last Sunday as Gomez was gently stroking the tiger's coat.

Sheba suddenly turned on him, crushing his throat in her mighty jaws. "Leon believed that love could make vicious animals into loving friends," said Ricardo Perez, owner of Perez' Wild Animal Exhibit.

"But I never believed it. Tigers are moody and very unpredictable. One day they like you, the next day they attack. I was ready to destroy Sheba months ago after she scratched Leon's arm. But Leon wouldn't hear of it. He knew there was a good chance Sheba was going to kill him. But he told me it was worth the risk.

"He was hoping to win her over, to tame her. He often told me, 'There's no such thing as a bad tiger.' But he was wrong — dead wrong. Less than a month ago he made me promise not to hurt Sheba responsible if anything ever happened to him while he was cleaning her cage. Like a fool I agreed. Now I wish I hadn't. I'd like to shoot that murderous beast myself. But I'll honor Leon's wish and let her live."

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EDGAR CAYCE • JESUS CHRIST • BILLY

By PETER SMITH/Weekly World News

WASHINGTON — Human history is winding down and will actually come to an end within the next four years, prophets, seers and holy men as diverse as Edgar Cayce, Nostradamus, Dr. Billy Graham and Jesus Christ have warned in writings and commentary spanning almost 2,000 years!

Make no mistake. The actual dates might vary. But these prophets and seers agree that human history has run its course and that "the world will indeed end within the next four years," declared Peter Rachele, Australian author of the frightening but important new book, *The Final Prophecies*.

"This doesn't bode well for mankind, of course, but that's certainly no reason to stick your head in the sand and hide.

"These prophecies, if you choose to believe them, can help you prepare for the end, whether that means getting right with God or running wild in the streets with no regard for a tomorrow that, quite frankly, isn't going to come.

"In that regard, all of us face deep and crucial moral and ethical decisions. How will we approach the end — with faith and dignity or as wild animals? That is for each of us to decide."

Rachele's book is controversial to say the least, but he not only refuses to water the details, he offers up hardly any defense against his many critics.

"I didn't write this book to win a popularity contest — I wrote it to warn mankind of impending doom after studying the writings and commentary of the greatest prophets the world has ever known," explained Rachele.

"As for the accuracy of my work, I can only say that if you don't believe me, go to my sources and see for yourself."

Selections from Rachele's book follow on these pages. References to the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in Dr. Billy Graham's segment refer to the symbolic harbingers of death and destruction in the Bible's book of Revelation.

FAMED 16th-century seer Nostradamus.

REVEALED: Random killing and violence will erupt!

NOSTRADAMUS: Universally acknowledged as the greatest prophet who ever lived, accurately predicted World War I, Astronaut Neil Armstrong's 1969 walk on the moon and the AIDS epidemic — a full four centuries before they occurred. The French seer, who lived in the 1500s, was pessimistic about humanity's future. In his famous book, *Centuries*, and other sayings and writings attributed to him over the years, Nostradamus paints a dismal picture of the late 1990s.

The prophet saw the world — or at least the human species — coming to an end in the year 2000. "A deadly disease from the deepest jungle sweeps wildly through the air infecting many," he writes in a nightmarish scroll recently discovered in his tomb. Experts familiar with the famed psychic say he was not referring to AIDS or the deadly Ebola virus, but to something even worse — a killing sickness even more contagious and more painful than either of these. He says that nine-tenths of the world's population will die from the disease, which will emerge in November of 1999.

The 10 percent who survive will be driven mad with panic. In an effort to keep from catching the illness, they will avoid contact with one another and all cooperation will break down. Without harmony and social structure, man's economy will fall apart. Distrust and isolation will cause chaos. Eventually random killing and violence will erupt worldwide, and humankind will kill each other off entirely. Unlike most Christian mystics, Nostradamus sees no Heaven or Earth occurring after the tragedy.

DR. BILLY GRAHAM: Like Nostradamus, the beloved American evangelist and author also believes we are living in the End Times. In his book, *Approaching Hoofbeats: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, Dr. Graham says the deterioration of the world as we know it is at hand.

But his message and belief is ultimately hopeful and joyous, because he is convinced that following the horrors of misery, famine, death and despair leading up to the final apocalypse battle between good and evil, Christ will return to Earth and establish Paradise for true believers everywhere.

"Virtually everything has been fulfilled that was prophesied in the Scriptures leading up to the coming of Christ. We know His coming is near," Dr. Graham stated in *Approaching Hoofbeats*.

"But for the Christian believer, the return of Christ is comforting, for at least men and women of faith will be reconverted.

"They will be avenged. The non-believer will see and understand why true Christians marched to the sound of another drum. But for the sinful unbeliever, the triumphant return of Christ will prove disastrous — for Christ's return ensures final judgment.

"I have become more deeply aware of the enormous problems that face our world today, and the dangerous trends which seem to be leading our world to the brink of Armageddon.

"I hear the approaching distant horsemen," he continued. "I hear their warnings and have no choice but to deliver them."

EDGAR CAYCE: The noted American psychic foresaw horror and

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heartache for mankind and the world as we approach the year 2000 — beginning with devastating volcanic eruptions, famine and, ultimately, the poisoning of water and food supplies worldwide. It will all end with the termination of life as we know it.

Like Dr. Billy Graham and Christ himself, however, the news from Cayce isn't all bad. In a series of predictions that were kept secret until 1981, he foresaw that millions will repent before the last day — Oct. 32, 1999 — and go to Heaven.

Rachelle explained: That Cayce foresaw a series of devastating volcanic eruptions beginning around New Year's Eve, 1998. Although he's unsure of the cause, he said, "I see thousands of volcanos — many of them previously unknown to scientists — erupting worldwide." The hot molten lava will kill millions. It will kill many crops, causing famine. But worse, substances in the lava will poison water supplies all over the world, killing tens of millions more people. The poisons in the water will spread to the grain, rice and fruit supplies in the world.

Eventually, no uncontaminated food will remain. Man will die off. The last human being will perish on Oct. 32, 1999.

But Cayce says there will be time between the volcanic eruptions and the eventual end of life for most people to repent their sins and gain salvation — eternity in Heaven.

CHRIST: Contrary to popular belief, Jesus named the exact year when the world will end: 2000 — and the exact way it will end: Nuclear holocaust!

Many people misinterpret Matthew 24:36 in which Christ says, "But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of Heaven, but my Father only."

Rachelle points out that Jesus spoke those words to the people of his time — namely the historians and religious leaders who were asking, not about the end of the world, but about the end of the hypocritical society in Jerusalem.

But in several of the lesser known Dead Sea Scrolls, Jesus does speak — clearly and specifically — about the end of the world.

One scroll in particular predicts the great war between Good and Evil — often referred to as Armageddon. But the scroll goes on to say that the war itself will not directly cause the end of the world. Eventually, the end will be brought about by accident, when the forces of Satan — interpreted to mean Iran or Iraq — test a bomb "100,000 times more vast and mighty than all the hurricanes, all the fires and all the earthquakes that ever occurred since time began."

The scientists who develop the bomb will underestimate its power and when it's dropped as a test, it will consume the Earth sometime in 2000.

Of course, the scroll doesn't call it "a bomb." Jesus uses the words "a weapon of great fire that carries killing flames on the wind and burns the Earth."

But those who have repented will go to Heaven as the news isn't entirely bad.

Rachelle offers no advice as to how people should confront the final days. He only states that they are upon us.

JESUS CHRIST

REVEALED: Exact way world will END!

REVEALED: A series of devastating volcanic eruptions worldwide!

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THE WAY YOU USE THE JOHN REVEALS YOUR PERSONALITY!

By SUSAN JAMISON / Weekly World News

LOS ANGELES — One of the most revealing indicators of personality type is the way you use the commode, a fascinating new study shows.

This most basic human behavior varies widely from person to person and every variation is highly significant, according to researchers.

Here are some of the most basic toilet behaviors and what they reveal about a person's silly based on the remarkable research.

● **The Relaxer:** This person is apt to enjoy his time on the pot so much that he will spend from 10 to 30 minutes. As a child, he brings toys to play with, and as an adult he often brings books to read.

The relaxer tends to be highly curious and innovative. He's a plodder who always does his duty, but because he hasn't much get up and go chances of great financial success are slim. This person is pleasant tempered but lacks a lively sense of humor.

● **The Efficient Type.** This person spends only the bare minimum of time on the john. He's all business.

The efficient type is a high-energy take-charge person who tends to be egotistical. He's highly intelligent, but emotionally cold. He can be extremely temperamental and finicky and is often a difficult person to live with.

● **The Stuffer:** You don't want to follow this guy to the bathroom. He uses too much toilet paper and forgets to flush. If he can stay too long while others are waiting, all the better.

The stuffer craves attention and can be tremendously self-ish. But he's often very good at dealing with new ideas and he can cope well with a variety of people. Don't give him tasks that require precision or accuracy. He's better at jobs where his optimism and determination are key and he's definitely an artistic type.

● **The Perfectionist:** Everything has to be perfect for this person at toilet time. He's the one who rinses off the seat, turns on the water as he sits and brushes his teeth. He also likes to read while he's on the pot.

The perfectionist is a high-energy person who is highly intelligent and has a high degree of common sense. He's a hard worker and is very successful in his career. He's a good person to have on your team, but he can be a pain in the neck to live with.

● **The Socializer:** This guy will go anywhere, anytime — even when there's someone else in the bathroom with him.

The socializer is out on the town self-conscious and usually has great self-esteem. He's adept at working with others and a pleasure to party with. But when it comes to relationships and a love of jobs like accounting or research. He's a hard to live with. Though, because of his exhibitionist need for perfection. Don't expect this person to be reserved, but look for traits like competence and dependability. He'll shoulder responsibility gladly but he may be hard on employees because he's so demanding.

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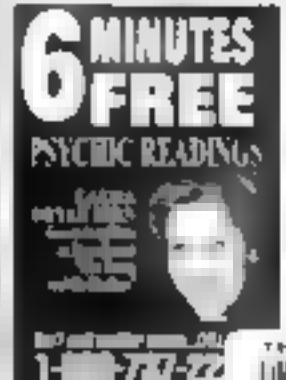
THE RELAXER will spend up to 30 minutes on the pot reading books.

High-tech killer slices up victims with lasers!

A deranged doctor committed a pair of gruesome murders — by dismembering his victims with a high-tech laser scalpel, cops say.

The body parts were found stuffed into plastic bags near Hamburg, Germany. Investigators say the parts were severed so cleanly that they must have been cut by a highly skilled doctor using a portable laser.



HOW TO COLLECT $$$ FROM UNCLE SAM

Cash In On Government Giveaway Programs

A NEW BOOK WHICH IS A former Federal investigator says how every American can collect their share of the $2½ billion that will be handed out this year in these fees. The book explains how to collect social security, welfare payments, unemployment benefits, supplemental education benefits, farm loans, unemployment job training, cash refunds and food stamps. Here are just a few facts revealed:

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Although the book *How To Collect Big Dollars From Uncle Sam* could mean thousands of dollars to you, it is being offered at only $12.95 (plus $3

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HOLLYWOOD'S ANSWER GIRL

Q My children simply loved Disney's latest animated extravaganza, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* — and so did I. Now I'm interested in seeing the live-action version. Is there more than one?

— Claire A., Gilbert, Fla.

A The tragic tale of the hunchbacked bell ringer has gotten the Hollywood treatment several times. Lon Chaney Sr. starred in the silent film version in 1923, Charles Laughton went cathedral climbing in the black and white talkie in 1939, Anthony Quinn got pounded for his shuddering performance as Quasimodo in 1957, and Anthony Hopkins won kudos when he chimed in on TV in a Hallmark Hall of Fame version in 1982.

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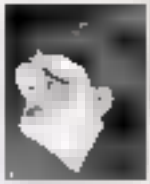
Q This may sound totally off the wall, but I saw Phil Collins in concert recently — and I could swear the balding singer had a lot more hair in the back of his head. Is he using hairpiece or something?

— Brian N., Chicago, Ill.

A Phil says his locks are growing back naturally thanks to love — plus a daily ginger and carrot cocktail.

The 43-year-old British pop star became the doting Swiss girlfriend Orianne Cevey. It may be responsible for the return of Phil's hair, but the relationship has also



QUASIMODO
The lovable hunchback

LOCKS OF HAIR
Phil Collins

cost him a lot of grief. Phil's ex-wife, Jill Tavelman, filed for divorce in 1990 and received custody of their two children. Phil's bitterness over the split was reflected in his lyrics and recording tactics. The last is definitely growing back. Maybe it's because life is happy. Another reason could be that I eat a lot of ginger. Just a few slices of ginger and carrot drink I make myself in the morning.

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Q How did singer Lyle Lovett dream up that brilliant gimmick, his tower of wild, woolly hair? It really takes away attention from his homely face!

— Larry H., Portsmouth, Ohio

A It's no gimmick — the ugly duckling of country music simply has naturally frizzy hair of control issues. "The big hair thing with me was unintentional," he says. "I just have curly hair, a problem."

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Q I'm head over heels in love with gorgeous Mexican actress Salma Hayek, who starred in *Fled* and *Desperado*. Is it true that she once had a fling with Robert Duvall?

— Richard C., New York, N.Y.

A Sexy Salma swears she's never done the horizontal mambo with the whiskey-voiced screen legend — but says she has "definitely had the hots" for the 63-year-old actor. She's known him since she was a waitress at a salsa club and begged him to dance. Duvall took a rain check — but the next day he had her send someone for a chauffeur. She curry 27-year-old actress recalls.

"In the middle of the restaurant, as everybody is eating, he says, 'Okay, a promise is a promise.'

"And with no music, he teaches me to tango."

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Do you have a question about your favorite celebrities that you're been dying to ask? Drop a line to Christie . . . Hollywood's Answer Girl and she'll dig up the inside scoop.

Write to: Weekly World News, Christie . . . Hollywood's Answer Girl, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

HE WOLF
Lyle Lovett

Mr. Straight's the latest new heartthrob to hit the big screen in years. He looks really familiar to me.

Did he once appear in some kind of horror movie?

— Lori K., Marion, Ill.

A You have a good eye for lore! Jake Matthew revved up for a role as a psychopath with a remote-controlled leg in the slasher sequel *The Return of the Texas Chainsaw Massacre*.

KILLER LOOKS
Matthew McConaughey

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Q I remember that when Princess Di visited the U.S., she had a sizzling cheek-to-cheek dance with John Travolta — and sparks seemed to fly between them.

Any chance of the two picking up where they left off, now that she has dumped boring Prince Charles?

— Regina C., Tucson, Wash.

A Happily married John is unlikely to leave his bride for the blonde British blue blood.

But he does have fond memories of his close dance with Di.

"She had a sexual power," he recalls.

The only problem was that the public Princess kept trying to lead — until the macho Saturday Night Fever legend put his foot down.

"I said, 'Okay, this is my territory. And I think you'll have

DANCE FEVER
John Travolta and Princess Di.

CELEBRITY PHOTO QUIZ

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World's WACKIEST News

Written by JOE BERGER
Cartoon by DICK KULPA

CASTRO MOONS DINNER GUESTS

60 diplomats stunned when booze-buzzed Cuban leader drops his drawers!

HAVANA — Kooky Cuban kingpin Fidel Castro was hosting a swanky state dinner for a dozen stuffed-shirt diplomats and their families when the tipsy dictator suddenly stood, dropped his drawers — and mooned his 60 unsuspecting guests!

"We were just digging into our lobster enchiladas when Senor Castro climbed up on his chair, took down his pants — and showed his hairy butt to everybody in the room," said outraged Ava Gutava, wife of Portuguese minister of state Sergio Gutava.

Fidel Castro

"There were shrieks, there was [illegible] and gasping, and several women fainted. But most of us just sat there in stunned silence because we'd never seen anything like it before.

"Then everybody realized that nothing dare was there, [illegible] and [illegible] and everybody started cracking up at the fact. There's nothing like a good moon to make you forget your troubles and start to make you [illegible] real fast."

Fruitcake Fidel [illegible] dessert, dropped his drawers after inviting diplomats from 12 countries, Africa, and Asia to come to Havana in a bid to win political and financial support for his impoverished island.

"El Presidente had us in for [illegible] and [illegible] a good time, and it was certainly no surprise planned to end up the [illegible]," said Senor Gutava [illegible] the star Miami Herald.

"He [illegible] the banquet with [illegible] a chicken band and beautiful girls [illegible] and huge baskets of food, and he provided us with beautiful accommodations at the finest hotels in Cuba.

"Really, he was a very gracious host — for about six hours.

"But [illegible] sugar-chomping cheese-chewing [illegible] still wouldn't [illegible] Castro ended up [illegible] [illegible] a full-course, six-course state dinner at the presidential palace.

"I've been to state dinners all over the world, and this was one of the most elegant I've ever seen," said [illegible] of French diplomat [illegible] [illegible].

"But nobody had ever [illegible] the wine and the rum [illegible] all night long, and nothing [illegible] the

Is Satan using TV to steal Americans' souls?

Dear Serena: I'm a bit of an old-timer, so I can remember the Golden Age of television when there were fine, quality programs on every channel. It was nothing like today when so many programs are cheap and trashy.

But the fact is more people are watching TV today than any time in history. Since it's obviously not because the shows are so good, I figure there must be a more sinister reason. I used to think it was Big Business trying to control our minds but now I think it's much worse than that. I'm afraid the Devil is using TV to steal the souls of Americans. I know this is a bizarre notion but I have discussed it with the gentleman I have breakfast with every day and they said I should write to you to find out the whole truth. Is Satan using TV to destroy America? — Worried in New Bern

Dear Worried: Television is just the tool Satan is using to try to capture the minds of all the people of the world. The sad truth is there are Satan worshippers in all professions including the media. To fight the influence of them and their evil people must constantly strive to keep their minds and souls clean.

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Dear Serena, Will I ever lose weight? I've been on a strict diet for five months. Except for the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, I've been very faithful to the diet but I've lost only four pounds, when I used to lose at least 10 pounds. Is there anything special you can do to make my extra pounds disappear? — Unhappy in Goring

Dear Unhappy: You need to be more [illegible] with your self. It doesn't help to starve all day long and then get out of bed and fix yourself a huge dessert after your wife is asleep. Follow the diet more carefully and you will lose 20 pounds in the next two months.

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Dear Serena: I had a horrible dream last week that my brother was kidnapped. This is weird because he's 44 years old and a former professional boxer, so he's the kind of guy who can take care of himself. Please tell me what my dream means. — Concerned Sister in Minden

Dear Concerned: If your brother travels to California, as you say he plans to, he will be part of a hostage drama. He will be released unharmed but you should inform him about what I have told you.

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1944 PLANE CRASH SURVIVOR RESCUED FROM JUNGLE!

VIGOR: Roger Dimanetti looked like a wild man and had almost forgotten how to speak.

By SUSAN JIMISON / Money World News

American flier lived for 53 years on canned goods found in wreckage — and thought Japan [redacted] won the war!

DJAJAPURA, New Guinea — American flier Roger Dimanetti was finally rescued from his wrecked cargo plane — an astonishing 53 years after he crashed it in the jungle!

The 78-year-old was the sole survivor of the crash and had lived in the rusting wreckage ever since he was shot down in 1944, eating canned goods and wearing clothing stored in the aircraft's hold.

"He thought Japan had won the war and that's why they never rescued him," said Rita Tago, an official in the Department of the Interior. "We have him under a doctor's care and he's doing fine, although he's still somewhat confused and weak. When he's better, he'll go back to America."

According to Tago and other officials who have interviewed the old man, Dimanetti was flying a load of military supplies into New Guinea during World War 2 when his plane was hit and badly crippled by Japanese fighters. The Chicago native and his crew kept their plane in the air for a while, but it ran out of gas and finally crash-landed in the jungle interior.

Dimanetti was knocked unconscious by the impact and awoke hours later to discover that his companions were dead. He buried them and waited patiently by the plane, expecting to be rescued any day.

But as the weeks and months passed, he realized help was not going to come. He thought of leaving the wreckage of his plane and trying to find his way out of the jungle — but he feared he might lose his way and die in the wilds.

"He said one he could hear the wild animals all around," Tago said. "Luckily he had weapons and plenty of ammunition, so he could defend himself — and even kill fresh meat now and then. He says after a while he got used to living there alone and just made the best of it."

The crash survivor was discovered on June 21, 1997, when a team of lumber company workers moved into the region to locate hardwood stands. Dimanetti tried to hide from them at first, fearing they were Japanese. But heart later he approached them and asked for help.

"The lumber workers said he looked like a wild man and smelled like an animal," Tago said.

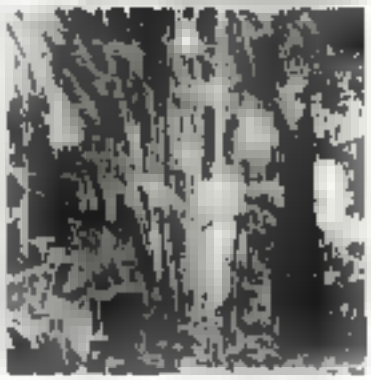
"It had been so long since he'd had human company he'd almost forgotten how to speak."

Authorities have tried to contact Dimanetti's family without success, a government official said.

They plan to send the old man back to his homeland early next week and have arranged for social workers to meet him in Los Angeles.

LIEUT. Dimanetti posed for this photo in June 1943.

LOOKING in a remote corner of the New Guinea jungle discovered Dimanetti in January.



MOST of the wreckage of Dimanetti's plane has been covered by the jungle.

Just for gals: How to keep your guy from getting roving eyes

Gals who want to hang on to their guys better forget about keeping the house tidy or whipping up yummy dinners.

The key to keeping a man coming back for more is to keep yourself looking like a glamor gal, says a top European fashion model. No man wants to come home to a gal if she looks like a scrubwoman.

"I just made a point of looking after my best assets. It's like an insurance policy."

Here are her other tips for keeping a guy's roving eyes from straying:

● Dress to please him. Ask him what he likes you to wear and then wear it. Don't wear clothes that show off your body if he prefers you to cover up. Don't wear sexy underwear if he likes you in cotton panties and granny gowns. Even if your body's a lot trimmer than his, he's got to have some attractive features.

● Never chew your nails. Guys may not mention your nails, but they notice them. And the one thing no man likes is a feminine hand with chewed up fingernails.

● Watch your language. Guys like gals who look like ladies and ACT like ladies. You might think you're cool letting out a curse word or two, but your man will think you're not so classy.

● Be sexy, but don't be a tramp. Low-cut gowns are okay for actresses playing bloode bombshells, but it's not the way for a lady to dress.

● Be funny. Laughter is the best medicine. Being funny will relax him and make him want to be around you. And don't forget to laugh at his jokes, too.

● If you're single, don't start giving your guy "baby talk." Telling him how much you like kids and how you'd love to have a family of your own is likely to give your man roaming feet.

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WOMAN SURVIVES TWO DAYS TRAPPED IN PICKUP TRUCK DURING DEADLY BLIZZARD!

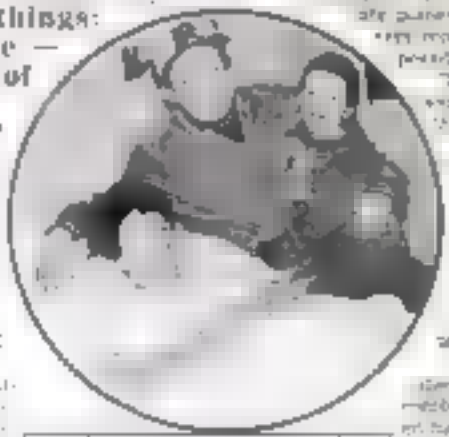
'The experience has strengthened my faith in God'

By R. NEALE LING World Weekly News

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — A woman who spent two days trapped in her pickup truck in freezing weather says she owes her life to two things: Her cellular phone — and lots and lots of prayer!

"I wouldn't let myself think negative thoughts," says Karen Nelson, 41, who got lost in a deadly blizzard while driving home from her job as a nurse at a nursing home. As temperatures dipped to a bone chilling 30 below, Karen kept her wits about her.

Even when her truck battery died, making it impossible for her to use her headlights to signal rescuers, the brave woman refused to give up hope.



GRATEFUL TO BE ALIVE: Karen Nelson in the hospital with her loving husband Marvin and grandson.

The harrowing saga began after she left work early because of weather warnings. As the drove home, the low visibility caused her to [illegible] she wound up stuck in a drift at 7:10 in the morning.

"The wind was like a white wall," she says — attempting to keep [illegible]

[illegible] Marvin and the police. [illegible] before the wind [illegible] Then, with hundreds of [illegible] search for me in [illegible] helicopters and [illegible] the planes. But I was in a very remote area and [illegible] possible to see.

"The first few hours [illegible] was: I've had. I had [illegible] the heater.

[illegible] hour after hour, I ran out of gas. I [illegible] to conserve [illegible] and radiation [illegible] the area. Karen [illegible] to keep her hope alive.

"I prayed a little and [illegible] and [illegible] to stay [illegible] and [illegible] her hope alive.

"I used the cone by [illegible] the truck, which [illegible] the [illegible] northeast, but [illegible] the [illegible] I didn't have the phone. I had no idea if the plane had spotted me or not."

But 11 minutes later rescuers arrived and saved her.

"I believe I survived because of prayers — my own and those of hundreds of others who were all pulling for me," said Karen. "The experience has strengthened my faith in God."

SPACE ALIEN HAIRBALL FOUND IN NEW MEXICO

TAOS, N.M. — Government scientists investigating an alleged UFO crash here made a chilling discovery! A clump of fur [illegible] — that appears to be a [illegible]

The object contains [illegible] digested bits of [illegible] organic material similar to [illegible] mice, but is not of [illegible] origin.

"The [illegible] of fur or [illegible] on Earth, much less in the [illegible] southwest, has a [illegible]

[illegible] member who asked that his name not be used in this story. "It may be premature to say it's from an extraterrestrial, but that seems to be our best theory at this point."

The scientist is one of a team of 32 sent to this area to investigate hundreds of reports of UFO sightings. He [illegible]

MY AMERICA ■ MY AMERICA ■ By ED ANGER

Ed's surefire plan for 1997 economic boom!

EVERY MAN SHOULD HAVE 2 WIVES

. . . so he can send them both to work!

Every once in a while, I come up with an absolutely great idea — and have I come up with a doozy this time, folks!

I call it Ed Anger's New Deal.

What to get America back on its feet again? Want the American economy to take off like a skyrocket with every family having gobs of money to spend on anything they want?

Simple. Let's change the law and let every American man have two wives at once. That'll do it, ladies and gentlemen. Right there you'll have instant three-income families.

Imagine how many big-ticket items you could buy with three paychecks rolling in every week, by golly.

And when the kids are sick, the wives could take turns staying home with 'em or the husband wouldn't have to miss any time from his higher-paying job.

And if one wife was laid off or fired, she could hit the unemployment line and pick up a few bucks cleaning houses or doing something else on the side.

The family could still live high on the hog and go on buying any darn thing they wanted.

And just think how many jobs we would create with my blockbuster plan. People would be buying up cars, planes and stereos to beat the band. And guess who would be hired to build all the stuff? One of the family's two wives, that's who.

Brilliant, huh?

Now, I know all those screeching women's libbers out there are going to pitch a heavy fit about my New Deal, but to hell with 'em. They aren't the ones trying to pay the bills and raise kids — because most of them live with other women, if you get my drift.

And if you want a hot tip for a stock to put some money in, try bridal gear. When my idea becomes reality, we'll have millions of weddings every year as men marry second wives — or even tie the knot with a couple of them at once. Getting hitched could become America's biggest business.

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☐ YES! America should adopt Ed Anger's plan to allow every man two wives so the great country's back on its feet — and to hell with the whole women's lib thing.

☐ NO! We should continue to let women's libbers and their kind run this country down until the whole economic collapse and the end of the country as we know it.

Send your vote to THREE-INCOME POLL, [illegible]

HOW TO KEEP YOUR COOL WHILE SOMEONE IS CHEWING YOU OUT!

How do you react when someone yells at you? The best way is to keep your cool by following these simple tips.

"Most people allow antagonists to get the better of them," says Dr. Robert Bramson, author of *Coping With Difficult People*.

"When attacked, about 70 percent of us become visibly frightened. About 20 percent scream back. Only 10 percent know how to keep their cool."

Here are Dr. Bramson's suggestions for staying cool under fire:

● Use "stand up" body language. Don't look down, slump or assume a defensive posture, he said.

"Your body language must show you're not someone to push around. Stand up straight. Look the individual in the eye."

● Get the "yeller" to sit down. Most people aren't as aggressive when they're seated.

"Point to a chair and say, 'If we're going to argue, we might as well be comfortable.'"

● Interrupt at your first opportunity. "Say something like, 'I disagree with you, but I want to hear more about what's on your mind.' This will help you regain some measure of control."

● Avoid fighting words and fighting questions. Almost any question that starts with "why" or "how" — such as "Why are you so angry?" — is sure to cause trouble, said Dr. Bramson.

● Be ready to be friendly. "Be willing to bury the hatchet, for this could mark the start of a productive, valuable relationship."

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Sexy teacher fired after stripping for her students!

By RANDY JEFFRIES · Weekly World News

PARIS — Officials at a prestigious private school say a sexy math teacher went too far when she offered to take off an article of clothing for each passing grade her class got on their mid-term. She wound up naked when every guy in the class aced the test!

School dean Henri Marchand has apologized for what he calls "this disgraceful incident" and announced that Miss Barbette LaBrois, 27, is no longer in the employ of Bernel Academy for Young Men.

But the attractive, intelligent professor says her firing was unfair and narrow-minded.

"These students were considered 'under-achievers' by the school administration," she said. "But I believed in them. I knew they were capable of mastering the material. They only lacked the motivation. I thought if I offered them healthy sexual urges the enticement of seeing me strip, about half of them would pass. I figured I'd take off some jewelry, my shoes, my jacket.

"But as it turns out, even I underestimated them. All 21 students passed. Since I had exactly that many articles of clothing, I was faced with the choice of stripping nude or breaking my word. I thought it was important to show them honesty is a great virtue that should be cherished. So I kept my word.

"I don't regret what I did. And I don't believe that I corrupted them. I think I showed them they were capable of far more than they ever thought they were."

She vowed to take off one piece of clothing for each student who passed exam!

What Dean Marchand left out of his public announcement is that it was a very difficult test. This is the first time in the history of the academy that an entire class passed it."

The public is split over the issue. Some feel Miss LaBrois' actions were outrageous. Others feel that in these times of scholastic non-achievement, any thing a teacher can do to help a student learn should be encouraged.

"I won't be unemployed long," said Miss LaBrois. "Thanks to the publicity over this case, several nightclubs have offered me work as a strip per for much better money than I was making as a teacher.

"But I'll miss teaching very much. There's no more satisfying work anywhere."

TANTALIZING TEACHER Barbette LaBrois claims "it was important to show them how much a great virtue honesty is."

Bus company gives passengers foot massages while they ride!

ANKARA, Turkey — Trying to get an edge on the competition, a bus company here has introduced a novel service — in addition to a free meal and beverage, riders receive a foot massage and neck rub!

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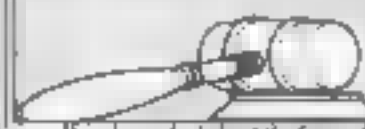

How do you feel about the firing of Barbette LaBrois? Was she right in doing a striptease to reward the young men in her class for passing their difficult mid-term test? Or did she overstep the bounds of decency? Write to us and speak your mind. We'll forward your letters to the Bernel Academy.

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Secretary gets 200,000 Valentines — from men she's never met!

By JOE BERGER / Weekly World News

LOS ANGELES — Shy secretary Dana deGrazzo has gotten more than 200,000 Valentines from around the world in the past month — and plain-Jane Dana says she has no idea why total strangers are suddenly professing their undying love!

"I've never, ever gotten more than two Valentines in one year, and those were usually from my mother and my sister," the flabbergasted bachelor gal told reporters.

"But all at once, for no apparent reason, I'm getting Valentines postmarked from all over the United States and around the world — including places I haven't even heard of.

"They're signed by men I've never met in my life, and some of them are very, very wonky.

"No man except my dad ever told me he loved me before, and suddenly tens of thousands of guys are sending me cards saying they can't live without me. It's like something out of *The Twilight Zone*."

Dumbfounded Dana, 23, says the avalanche of Valentines began descending upon her a month ago last Monday when the mailman showed up at her suburban home and shared more than two dozen heart-shaped cards through her door.

"They came from all over the place — Boston, Dallas, Paris, London, Rio, everywhere," the amazed lady recalled.

"There were all kinds of notes saying stuff like, 'I somebody's playing a joke on you, girl.'

"But that was just the beginning. The next day, there were twice as many cards, and by the end of the week I was getting so many Valentines the mailman said he'd have to come to the Post Office to pick them up because he just couldn't deliver them all.

"Finally, I realized this couldn't be a practical joke because it'd cost thousands of dollars to pull a joke like that — and I don't know anybody who likes me or hates me that much.

"For a while there, I was going crazy trying to figure it out."

But now, with Valentines still pouring in at the rate of 10,000 a day, fascinated Dana has decided just to relax and savor the unexplained adulation.

"I was going to start calling around to see if I could get in touch with some of the men who'd sent me cards, just to see what was going on," said the brainy computer company secretary.

"But I've never had a real boyfriend in my life and all of a sudden everybody's nuts about me. So I figure, why burst the bubble — why not just enjoy it while you can?

"I'm no Cindy Crawford, that's for sure — but I'll bet even Cindy Crawford's never gotten this many Valentines in one year!"

MOUNTAIN OF MAIL: Dana deGrazzo shows off the avalanche of cards from a single day's delivery!

'I'll bet even Cindy Crawford's never gotten this many Valentines in [redacted] year'

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Fat wife busted the shocks on my new Caddy — twice!

MARK in Bayer

Dear Dotti: My wife of two years has a beautiful face and a heart of gold but, boy, is she fat. You might think I'm kidding, but I've had to replace the shocks on the passenger side of my new Cadillac Coupe de Ville twice in the past eight months because she keeps blowing them out when she gets in and out of the car. I'm serious, Dotti. And if you know anything about shocks, you know they're expensive. I love all 372 pounds of my wife and don't want to hurt her feelings.

What should I do? — Mark in Bayer

Dear Mark: I'd put wifey on a diet faster than she can say, "Pass me an other pie." At 372 pounds, your jelly-belly bride is pushing the limit of a person on her knees — not to mention your new Caddy!

My boss-eating lady is blowing me away!

Dear Dotti: I need help — fast! My girlfriend eats bosses and spicy foods every day and the resulting gas is enough to choke a camel! I love Mary to death but when she's on a "roll," so to speak, I can't stand to be in the same room with her. Any advice? What should I do? — Choked Up in L.A.

Dear Choked: The way I see it you can do one of two things. Wear a clothespin when you spend time with Mary ... or find yourself a gal with a 70 plus I.Q.!

People LOVE the notes I tape to my books!

CANDACE in Morehead

Dear Dotti: You probably won't believe this, but I can't stop taping little notes to myself. I stick them on my books and write all kinds of messages on them, such as, "Hot Mama!" and "Kiss me, you fool!" I also like to wear them to business meetings with messages like "Thank you for not smoking," and "The buck stops here." My friends say I'm nutty but I think people appreciate my sense of humor. Am I right or what? — Candace in Morehead

Dear Candace: If you really want people to know where you stand, write "Brain-damaged" on a slip of paper and tape it to your head. That way, normal people will know exactly what you are — and can engage you in conversation at their own risk.

I found the condoms my wife bought for her lover!

ANDY in Watertown

Dear Dotti: I was rummaging through the closet the other day and found a birthday present my wife bought for me. Temptation got the better of me and I unwrapped the gift carefully so I could peek inside. My joy at seeing a package of condoms quickly turned to horror, however, because if your wife really was cheating on you she certainly wouldn't be stupid enough to leave condoms and love notes on White Court. The bottom line: You're the butt of a practical joke. And I'm sure she'll tell you the name if you ask her about it.

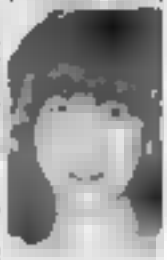
Mom makes me walk nine whole BLOCKS to school!

Dear Dotti: Ever since I entered the fifth grade this year, my stupid mother stopped taking me to school in her car and is actually making me walk. It's not like I live across the street, Dotti. I live nine blocks away! When I asked her to take me she said I'm old enough to walk. I say nine blocks is too far. Don't you agree? — Worn Out in Spartanburg

Dear Worn Out: Only if you're a quadriplegic.

Sugar Daddy'll send me to law school — for one date!

Dear Dotti: I'm a 21-year-old college student who's been dating a 45-year-old man for the past six months. He's a millionaire who's been very generous to me. He's bought me a car, paid my rent and given me spending money. He's also asked me to marry him. The problem is I'm not in love with him. I'm only dating him because I want to go to law school. I don't have a job. I don't have any money. And I haven't been able to get a scholarship. But I do have an older gentleman friend who says he is ready to foot the entire bill if I submit to a single night of passion with him. I am NOT a hooker, Dotti, but I'm serious by considering his offer. Please help me decide. My happiness depends on it! — Melissa in Clayton.



MELISSA in Clayton.

Dear Melissa: We've got more than enough slutty lawyers in the world without you adding to their ranks. With that in mind, why don't you forget about law school and do something that suits you even better — like walking the streets at night!

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Furious: Get to Honolulu. I don't care if he was preaching or not. If the guy walked into church with a shiver on his shoe, he was up to no good.

Dear Scared in Carlsbad: If I married a murderer with a "hair-trigger temper," I'd be scared, too!

Dear Parched in Appleton: I didn't tell you to try sex spiked with, pickerel juice — I told you to lick it off the floor!

Dear Woven in Ruth: Some of my dearest friends are morons and to be perfectly frank, they'll never amount to anything either!

Dear Fed Up in Poplar Bluff: If I went a week without sex, I wouldn't be "fed up" — I'd be kicking down telephone poles!

Dear Candled in L.A.: Don't be a fool. Everybody knows long-distance relationships never work! On the up side, it never lasts for more than a couple of months when you and Justin make love over the phone.

Dear Anxious in Canton: Go ahead and ask her out. The worst she can do is laugh in your face — and ridicule you in front of her friends.

Don't have TOO many write DOTTI

Dear Dotti, c/o Chicago Sun-Times, 401 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611

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Be sure your self-addressed, stamped envelope is large enough to hold your letter if you want a personal reply.

CRIME STORY

By JACK ALEXANDER

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AN AFFAIR GONE SOUR: Dr Richard Schmidt, 48, outraged his former mistress so much by refusing his love that she vowed to get even.

LAFAYETTE, La. — A married doctor with two kids has been accused of injecting his mistress with deadly AIDS blood because she tried to dump him!

Dr Richard Schmidt, 48, has been charged with the attempted second-degree murder of Janice Trahan, a 33-year-old nurse who thought he was giving her a vitamin shot.

District Attorney Michael Ranson said he would like to charge Dr Schmidt, a gastroenterologist, with murder because it's likely the victim will eventually die of AIDS.

"I'm caught in a loop of the law," Ranson said. "Until I have a dead body, I can't charge him with murder."

The nurse is in relatively good health and is expected to testify against the doc at his upcoming trial.

ACCUSED: Dr Richard Schmidt, right, is charged with the attempted second-degree murder of 33-year-old nurse Janice Trahan.

shop before ending it in 1994, Ranson said.

During their long affair, the nurse would often get vitamin shots for fatigue from Dr Schmidt. The last one was in Aug. 4, she told police.

On that night, Dr Schmidt [illegible] to care for her home and offered [illegible] to her, police said. She declined, but he insisted, police added.

Before she could do anything more, he jabs her in the left arm. She never even saw the hypodermic. Next thing, he's leaving almost immediately, Ranson said.

Terrified cops hide while raging bull smashes their patrol cars!

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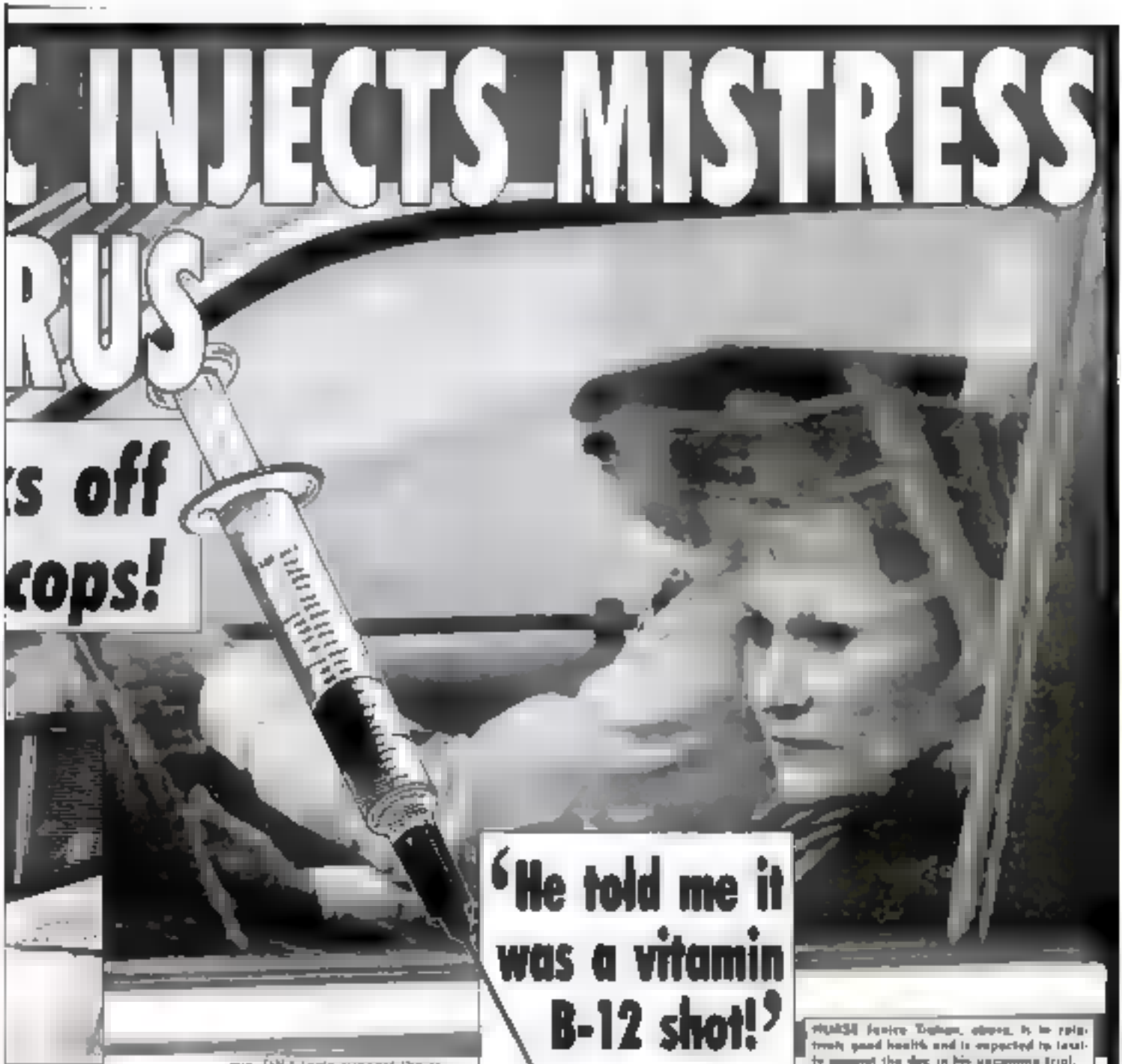

'He told me it was a vitamin B-12 shot!'

Model Janice Dotson, above, is in rapturous good health and is expected to testify against the doc in his upcoming trial.

had asked one of his AIDS patients for a blood sample, Harvard said.

Dr. Schmidt and his girlfriend didn't have physical contact again until the affair ended a month later about the time she developed suspicious symptoms.

rus. DNA tests suggest the virus in her blood matched a sample of the virus taken from the AIDS patient Dr. Schmidt had been treating, Hanson said.

Dr. Schmidt's lawyer says his client is innocent.

"He believes this woman is

Man develops lead poisoning from do-it-yourself cure for smoking!

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The unidentified man was possessed

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CHEAPSKATE

By JOE SEEGER / Weekly World News

Hang on to your trench fries and fabric softener. Get a grip on your guest towels and garden hose. Keep an eye on your ashtrays and animal crackers.

Moochin' Miffin Lowe is coming out of the closet.

Money-grubbing Miffin is the king of the skinflints. A man so miserly he asks for separate checks when he takes his kids out for lunch — and so stingy he'd never buy anything he could learn off you.

"I'm cheap and I'm proud," he boasts.

Next to this guy, Scrooge is a spendthrift. And his children, he says, are following in his footsteps. They're cheaps off the old block.

Lowe is so sure that tight is right that he has penned *The Cheapskate's Handbook* (Price/Stern/Sloan Publishers). It's full of tips to help us all become practicing penny-pinchers.

Here are a few of his helpful hints for would-be tightwads.

■ Never buy ice cubes, never go anyplace that has a cover charge and never pay to open a toilet door when you can scoot underneath on your belly.

■ Choose your friends carefully. Tax assessors, IRS auditors and heart specialists belong at the top of the list, along with anyone who owns a pool, boat or vacation home and anyone who lives near a ski slope.

RECYCLE aluminum foil by ironing it after each use.

Top tightwad's motto: Never buy anything you can mooch

Also make friends with someone who'll give you a ride to the airport and take care of your pets while you're away.

■ Remember: God put people next door to you so you can borrow things. If you live in the suburbs, you have a right to expect your neighbors to lend you lawn chairs, tree pruning tools, ant traps, plumber's helpers, tennis rackets, charcoal and lighter fluid.

In the city, you have a right to bug the neighbors for all sorts of things you're too cheap to buy for yourself, so cooking roach motels or a .38-caliber handgun.

■ Always treat your neighbors royally. Smile, make complimentary remarks about their kids and encourage them to harbor a cup of sugar or anything that costs less than a buck and a half. This will make it a lot easier when you ask to move into their rent-control home for a week.

■ Mooching is a sweet science. After a little practice, you should never go out for lunch, have to buy cigarettes, French fries, gum, throat lozenges, stamps, paper clips or fabric softener.

■ Always tell your victim you'll replace the item you've just mooched. Try not to laugh.

■ When shopping in the supermarket, cruise loaded down with coupons and eat every free sample in sight. Eat as much produce as you can before you get to the checkout counter. Remember, you only pay for the grapes that end up on the scales.

■ Never leave a party with less booze than you came with.

■ Buy in quantity. By the age of 23, a really smart shopper should have enough reduced-price toilet paper to last the average family of five a lifetime.

■ Never leave a hotel empty handed.

■ Instead of a doggie or a pony, buy your kids an iguana or chameleon. They're cheap to feed and don't require shots.

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223 Oil explorer (Tla)
226 Question reply (Abbr)
227 Military branch: Init.
230 Actress Patricia
231 Proportions, dimensions
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233 Video game parlor
235 Clergyman
237 History matter
238 Legal arguments
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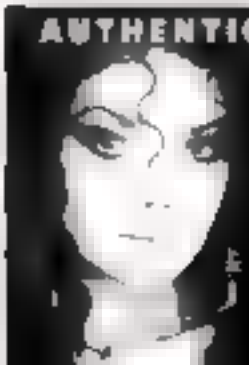

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YOU CAN DRIVE DRUNK AS A SKUNK IN ITALY

By LEIGH PRESCH · Weekly World News

Laws against drunk drivers are getting tougher and tougher in the United States — but in Italy you can drive drunk as a skunk and the cops can't do a thing about it!

But Italy is the shocking exception — because most countries have drunk-driving laws even stricter than those in America.

Here's a closer look at how other nations handle their drivers who have had too much to drink.

FRANCE

The cops here are allowed to pull motorists over for random breath tests — and if the driver [redacted] a little bit intoxicated, his [redacted] can be [redacted] right on the spot.

When a drunk driver kills someone he's hauled straight to jail. If prosecutors in court convicted the driver pays big bucks to his victim.

The amount of payment is based on a governmental chart that ranks everything from permanent paralysis to a sprained ankle.

SWITZERLAND

Cops here treat every traffic violation as drunk driving — and it's up to the driver to prove he wasn't been drinking.

And if the driver can't prove he's innocent he can kiss his license goodbye for at least six months.

If he's caught a second time, he'll get thrown in jail for a minimum of two years.

NORWAY

A special law here allows judges to send drunk drivers to jail for one month per year for 10 consecutive years.

Even though the drunk driver may end up spending less than two years actual time behind bars, he still has to live with the frightening idea of knowing he'll be spending one month a year in jail for the next two decades.

SWEDEN

If you drink just two cans of beer and get behind the wheel here, you might as well toss your license out the window. Swedish cops are quick to pull over anyone they see swerving and slap handcuffs on them. If a judge determines you were drunk, then it's off to jail for at least 30 days of boot camp-style rehabilitation.

ITALY

This country is the startling exception — where drivers can drink to their hearts' content and drive like maniacs. Cops here don't have any legal way to keep drunk drivers off the roadways. The most they're allowed to do is offer obviously drunk drivers a ride — but motorists are allowed to refuse the ride and drive off, no matter what shape they're in.

. . . but try it in Norway & you're [redacted] at 20 years!

7 people killed in pig stampede!

BONN, Germany — A herd of 2,000 pigs trampled two animal rights protestors to death outside a slaughterhouse!

Officials say a human [redacted] of [redacted] pigs' [redacted] when [redacted]

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DOGS RUN OFF WITH FARMER'S SEVERED LEG!

By SUSAN JIMISON [illegible]

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Farmer Wendell Campbell lost his leg in a farming accident when a heavy disker chopped it off at mid-thigh — and his two dogs ran off with the limb!

The dairyman says he watched helplessly as Big Boy, a golden retriever, and his mate Gertie, a [illegible], grabbed the bleeding leg and carried it off to the woods. A search by scores of volunteers failed to find the leg in time for doctors to reattach it to Campbell's stump.

"They must have thought it was something good to eat," says Campbell, [illegible] who spent two weeks in a hospital and is now recovering from the accident at home.

"They buried it some where, I guess."

Campbell, a bachelor, says he was out disking a [illegible] field behind his house when his tractor hit a rock and lurched, throwing him out of his seat.

The farmer fell under the sharp disks and his leg was severed. The [illegible] man says he was lying stunned in a pool of blood when his faithful [illegible] came up to him.

"I was glad to see them. [illegible] Campbell said. [illegible]

"[illegible]

Campbell [illegible] and [illegible] to the house. Then [illegible] an ambulance and waited for help.

When the medics arrived [illegible] what had happened. They enlisted the volunteers to help find the leg and rushed the bleeding farmer to a hospital.

"The doctors told me that if they could have gotten my leg, they could have stitched it back on," Campbell said. "But they had no idea what my dogs [illegible]

[illegible] hour after I'd left and they didn't bring the leg in with them. I guess it's still out in the woods somewhere, but there's no point in looking for it — it's sure not going to do me any good now."

DOG GONE! Wendell Campbell could only watch helplessly as his dogs ran off with his severed leg!

Horrible accident turns into snack for the hounds!

[redacted]ksters glue boozer to toilet seat!

DUBLIN, Ireland — A pub patron sat on a toilet seat [illegible] with super glue and had to be hauled off to the hospital — with the toilet bowl attached to his bottom!

Rescue workers wrenched the bowl from the floor and carted it off with the unidentified man after efforts to unstick him failed. Emergency room docs eventually freed the [illegible]

Blindfolded moms can identify their babies — by touch!

A [illegible] mom can identify her own baby blindfolded just by feeling the backs of the infant's hands, a study shows. Even if she had spent only an hour with her child [illegible]

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CHRISTMAS COMPUTERS SPARK SUICIDE EPIDEMIC!

By ANN VICTORIA · Staff Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Economists report a 27 percent increase in employee suicide and a 45 percent rise in workplace violence since Christmas. And experts trace it to a surprising source: Americans' frustration at trying to master their new home computers!

An amazing new study by the Associated American Business and Salesperson Congress blames the [illegible] known as "computer Induced Stress Disorder for the dramatic rise in depression, binges and nearly a 27 percent increase in suicide over the first three weeks of 1997.

"We looked at every possible cause and finally identified the pursuing computer as the villain," says noted psychologist Dr. Sarah Tatum.

Dr. Tatum was commissioned by AABSC to investigate the disturbing problem that is virtually crippling our nation's offices, factories and other places of employment.

"An alarming number of workers are coming to their jobs weary and depressed after spending long hours at home in front of blinking computer screens," said the researcher.

"Pressure builds, productivity drops. Something has to give. Millions of computers were sold as gifts this year.

"They were given by wives to husbands, given children to middle-aged parents, friends to friends. Unfortunately, many people who got PCs aren't suited to them. Some people — even highly intelligent people — have no aptitude for the kind of technical thinking needed to handle computers.

"But modern man has been brainwashed into believing he needs these confusing machines. People feel inadequate if they can't master all those complex functions. They stay up nights reading through poorly written, phone book size owners' manuals getting more and more confused. It makes them not only less productive but dangerous as well. They become surly and paranoid on the job. The slightest criticism sets them off.

"We need to let people know it's okay not to own and use a computer," she says. "To some, a PC is an enjoyable toy or a useful tool for writing letters and balancing the family checkbook.

"But if a person is not temperamentally suited to them, these machines can be nothing more than terrible, troubling frustrations in their owners' lives."

Dr. Sarah Tatum

Learning how to use home PCs driving people nuts!

How to collect debts from pals without making them mad!

When your best money to a friend or relative and it isn't returned, bad feelings can put your relationship on the rocks. But there's tips from leading psychologist Dr. Matti Gershenfeld can help you collect the cash without creating any conflict:

● Be gentle, but firm. "Maybe you've forgotten, but I'd appreciate repayment of the money I lent you" is one [illegible] friend you wouldn't be pressuring like or her for the money if you didn't need it. Continue to bring in a financial kind — due to an upcoming expenditure. When you cite a need, your request for repayment becomes more persuasive.

● Ask for payment on installments. "Can you pay me $20 a week?" is a lot easier to swallow than demanding money "now."

● Suggest a "pay as you go" plan. Say something like, "If it's a hard time for you, it's fine with me if you give me something on account every week." Dr. Gershenfeld suggests. When you give your permission to be repaid on

Guide dog watches baby's birth — and barfs twice!

CAUNG CANINE Bryor watches over baby Whitney Oakes in her crib

By DAVID STEELE / Weekly World News

BRITISH COLUMBIA, Canada — Bryor the guide dog got special permission to be in the delivery room during the birth of a baby and everything went smoothly — except for the two times he got sick to his stomach and threw up!

"I don't know if he was nervous or what," said Bryor's owner, Rick Oakes. His wife, Chantal, delivered a bouncing baby girl, Whitney, after 24 hours of labor.

"As soon as the baby was born, Bryor jumped up, grabbed a towel and started prancing around the room, the nurses told me."

Rick, who has been partially blind all his life and totally blind since [illegible] his partially blind wife Chantal decided to test the laws that allow guide dogs to go everywhere the public can go.

"This is the first time that I know of where a dog has been allowed in a maternity ward," said Chantal.

Bryor, a golden retriever, was no problem, according to Rick. Most of the time he just lay in a corner as nurses rushed in and out.

"He did fidget a little. I guess he got restless," said Rick. "He did get sick twice. I took him out and he threw up in the parking lot."

But other than an upset tummy, possibly caused by the commotion, Bryor was a perfect gentleman.

"I thought it would be a golden opportunity to let people know guide dogs can go anywhere," said the proud pop of his golden retriever.

And Chantal was just as happy to have Bryor there.

"I like that dog better than I like some people I know [illegible]"

And even her doctor was delighted. "It was an unusual request," he said. "But the dog is great. He would never bother anybody."

BRYOR'S OWNERS: Rick and Chantal Oakes with their daughter Whitney

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By SUSAN JAMISON, Weekly World News

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TOLUCA, Mexico — In a shocking twist of fate, Jose Vilano has been named the warden of a maximum security prison where he once served 11 years as a prisoner.

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Legless kid sues school because he wasn't allowed on track team

FLORENCE, Italy — A 13-year-old boy with no legs is seeking hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages from the headmaster of his high school.

The unidentified youth, who lost both legs in a train accident when he was 3, is suing because he was not allowed to participate in track and field events.

The youngster's parents and lawyer claim that the boy was denied the right to participate in the school's athletic program because of his handicap.

The youngster, who uses artificial legs, has competed in track and field events in local competitions and has won several medals.

The lawsuit claims that the boy was denied the right to participate in the school's athletic program because of his handicap.

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NEW YORK MAN CAN'T DRIVE SOBER!

By JOE BERGER [illegible]

NEW YORK CITY — [illegible]-eyed Peter Hinchell has been busted for drunk driving 19 times, but he has an excuse. Pickled Pete says he just can't drive when he's sober!

"I simply can't handle all that traffic and all that noise and confusion when I'm not drinking," the [illegible] happy bachelor told a reporter.

"My coordination and timing are all off and I've had all kinds of accidents driving sober. But I've never so much as bumped another car or scratched a fender when I'm drunk.

"The truth is, I have no business being on the road without a few drinks to loosen me up."

The [illegible] roofer has been convicted of hitting the bottle and hitting the highway in nine states. His most recent [illegible] [illegible] when a [illegible] [illegible] down a suburban street, stopped him and found him so [illegible] he could barely stand up.

"Most [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] shocked cop.

But experienced Pete [illegible] said he could explain that.

"I had to drive to work and I just couldn't face all that traffic so[ber]," he told officers.

"So I had a few drinks to get me rolling and I was doing fine. I really was until the police stopped me."

[illegible] Pete guilty of drunk driving and a grumpy judge, after reviewing his dismal driving record, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sentenced to a week in jail.

He also suspended his license for five years.

"You're a menace," the judge told him.

But [illegible] Pete in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] down," he says. "But I just [illegible] fine when I have a few. I can't drive when I'm sober."

He's been busted for drunk driving 19 times in nine states!

HARD-BOOZING Peter Hinchell showed off a stack of traffic citations and a soon-to-be-kaput bottle of bourbon as a pal took this snapshot in 1996

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Eating yogurt prevents yeast infections!

Yogurt can prevent yeast infections, a new study shows.

Researchers at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center asked women who suffered from recurrent yeast infections to consume eight ounces of plain yogurt containing live, active bacteria daily for six months.

After that, they were told not to eat any yogurt for the next six months.

Amazingly, the women were three times less likely to have a yeast infection when they ate yogurt than when they didn't.

Scientists aren't sure why the yogurt works, but they think the live active cultures may play a role.

Yeast infections plague millions of American women. Those who suffer from them may want to eat a daily serving of live, active yogurt. But when the symptoms of a yeast infection appear, it's a good idea to see a doctor.

Rodent-infested re[redacted]

[redacted] up rats — now it's the hottest spot in town!

BEIJING, China — A restaurant here faced bankruptcy when customers started noticing it was infested with rats. But the owner turned the situation to his advantage by catching the rodents and serving them up as delicacies.

Renamed *The Blue Rat*, the eatery is now widely known for its unusual specialty.

A couple who were having marital difficulties were persuaded to see a marriage counselor. "Don't you two have anything in common?" the counselor asked them.

Mouse blows piano-playing record — after 37 straight days!

ROME — Leonardo Coppoli's bid to set a new world record [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in 1987. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

HERMAPHRODITE HORROR!

Eva Peron was half man – half woman!

ARGENTINIAN HEROINE Evita managed to hide her shocking secret from dictator husband Juan Peron and her many male lovers.

BUENOS AIRES — Don't cry for Eva Peron of *Evita* fame — Argentina's beloved First Lady pulled off the hoax of the century by concealing a shocking personal secret: She was a hermaphrodite!

By GEORGE SANFORD

This is the startling revelation of a controversial new biography which claims not even Evita's husband, strongman Juan Peron, knew that the charismatic beauty was half-man, half woman.

"Evita refused to let anyone — not Juan or her many male lovers — touch her below the waist or see her fully naked," says Roberto Cruz, author of *The Hidden Life of Evita*. "Remaining unattainable was the key to her incredible allure."

Evita — played by sexy Madonna in the Hollywood musical — was born Eleta Duarte, the illegitimate child of a minor provincial official according to Cruz.

"A freak of nature with both male and female genital organs, she was raised as a boy until the age of 12."

But when the eighth-year child hit adolescence and started to sprout breasts, fellow peasants in the tiny village near Buenos Aires began to stare, says the author.

"Eleta escaped into a fantasy world and became drawn to a career in acting. At age 14 she headed to the capital — as a woman!

"By then she had her birth certificate changed to read 'Maria Eva Duarte,' taking the first name of her biological father."

After starting out a tender age success as an actress Evita met Col. Juan Peron at a party. They married in 1945 and, with the help of his fiercely loyal police, he was elected president in 1946.

The people of Argentina loved Evita, whom they saw as a champion of the poor — but they had no idea about her dual gender.

Though legendary for her feminine traits such as massive shopping sprees and a food [illegible] she went to [illegible] Evita's embalmed corpse.

became a national icon. "Millions viewed her body — never knowing the woman they were looking at was also a man," says Cruz.

The new biography has [illegible] where Evita is regarded as a near saint. One politician blasted it as "evil."

But the author insists his book "throws new light on one of the most colorful figures of the 20th century."

Abe Lincoln's bad luck: saw three presidents assassinated!

Abe Lincoln's son Robert was the witness and unwilling partner [illegible] Lincoln himself saw assassinated. He even turned up [illegible] at the scene of all [illegible] in the White House.

New doll comes 'fully equipped!'

NEW YORK CITY — Family-values groups are up in arms over a new male doll being marketed to little girls — and advertised as "100 percent anatomically correct."

The sandy-haired "Rick" doll is boyfriend to the popular blonde Dina doll that sold out in stores last Christmas.

Rick resembles Barbie's pal Ken — with one small but important difference: he comes "fully equipped."

A spokesman for the manufacturer defended the lifelike toy.

"These are the 1990s — there's simply no reason to

Computer geeks ruining the environment!

Computer nerds are messing up the world's environment — by throwing away more than 25 million of their old personal computers.

...Y WORLD NEWS, February 18, 1997

'NEWS' readers put the kibosh on Romania's Aqua Kid program!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS broke the heartbreaking story of the Aqua Kid program in the Jan. 7, 1997 issue.

Over 10,000 concerned Americans flooded our office with letters of protest!

"Thank you, *Weekly World News* readers — you've brought new joy and hope into the lives of dozens of helpless children."

Those were the grateful words of children's rights advocate Andre St. Martin, as he praised our warmhearted family of readers for bringing a halt to Romania's notorious Aqua Kid program.

In our January 7 issue we told you the heartbreaking story of the so-called aqua kids — innocent tots taken from their mothers at birth and raised 24 hours a day in water tanks.

The cruel experimental program, which involved 30 young stars, was designed to turn the children into human submarines who could carry out underwater salvage projects.

At the end of the article, St. Martin, vice president of the Paris-based International Association for Child Safety, appealed directly to our readers asking them to write letters protesting the sickening program. We agreed to forward any letters we received directly to the Romanian consulate in the U.S.

And our readers came through like champs, flooding our offices with a staggering 10,342 letters of protest!

"Please reconsider this practice," wrote one concerned South Carolina mom. "Respect all life and handle it with carefulness."

Faced with a tidal wave of negative American public opinion, the Romanian government grudgingly agreed last week to pull the plug on the six year-old Aqua Kid program.

"We no longer feel that this effort is in the best interest of the people of Romania," a spokesman stated tersely.

Best of all, the former aqua kids will be reunited with their loving mothers and taught to walk and play on dry land. They'll even be able to attend school for the first time!

Said St. Martin, "Thanks to kindhearted *NEWS* readers, these 30 kids will at last have a chance to live happy and normal lives."

DEAD WOMAN SHOCKER!

PERTH, Australia — Elderly Margaret Mountford sat bolt upright in the coffin at her own funeral and told her grieving husband to "stop crying and take out the garbage!"

Seconds later, the 83-year-old woman collapsed — as dead as she had been when doctors pronounced her dead of a heart attack in Perth Memorial Hospital two days earlier. Paul Mountford, 87, was not available for comment.

Doctors said that it is unusual but dead people have been known to revive spontaneously for up to five minutes, days after they actually died.

How to keep the IRS off your back!

By SUSAN JAMISON / *Weekly World News*

You can dramatically improve your chances of dodging an audit of 1996 taxes, experts say — just by following a few simple tips to help you avoid scrutiny by the IRS.

Although some tax returns are selected for audit randomly, many are flagged because of unusual or suspicious entries. The common-sense advice below will help you head off situations which might attract the attention of federal tax agents and land your tax return on the audit pile.

Remember to avoid discrepancies between figures you give for interest payments, dividends, salaries or fees and those reported by banks, investments, employers, etc. Don't round off numbers, especially for large deductions. Make sure your figures are believable, not suspicious entries such as conspicuously round numbers.

Don't write off a lot of expenses for your home office, since IRS rules on home offices are now much stricter.

Then follow these audit prevention tips:

1. Select a competent tax preparer. The IRS keeps tabs on sloppy or shady accountants and tax preparers and will give special attention to forms they've completed.

2. Make sure all questions are answered.

3. Fill out all the required schedules. If a section does not apply to you, be sure to indicate this in the appropriate space in writing.

4. If you've been denied a deduction on a previous tax return, don't try to take that deduction again.

5. Include backup information to support any requests for unusual or larger-than-normal deductions.

6. Sign all forms properly and make sure only

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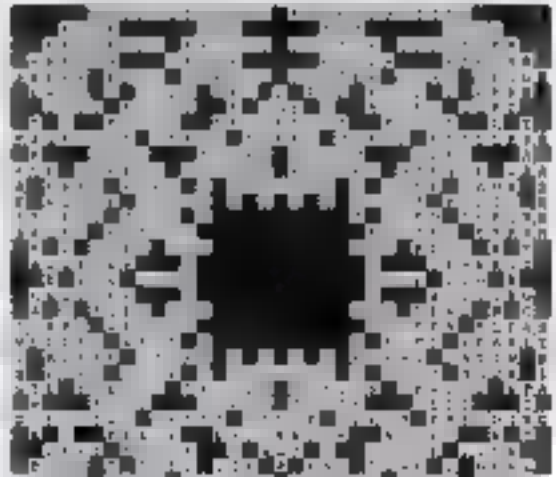

SATAN'S DOMAIN HAS BECOME AN ARCTIC WASTELAND

HELL FREEZES OVER!

THIS COMPUTER ENHANCED photograph is based on the description provided by Mr Caverin

Man who died for 24 minutes gives vivid description of frozen netherworld

Temperature drops to -459.67 degrees F

SAY RELIGIOUS EXPERTS!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

EXCLUSIVE

By RANDY JEFFRIES

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The unthinkable has happened: Hell has literally frozen over!

That's the stunning revelation of Alvin Cavano — the only man who has actually been there and come back. And religious experts worldwide believe Cavano's observations have scriptural basis.

Doctors say Cavano, 58, suffered a massive heart attack six months ago. And for nine nights were lost for 24 minutes.

During that time the retired attorney had an out-of-body experience unlike any ever reported before.

"There was an long tunnel, no bright heavenly light, no exquisite feelings of meeting God face-to-face," says Cavano.

"I felt myself in the cold, repulsive hands of two hideous demons. In the distance I could hear the sound of screams and moans. The demons pulled me down through the darkness toward the sound and as they did I crept getting colder and colder.

"Finally we arrived at a vast plateau that looked like an Arctic wasteland — but worse. I saw millions of souls naked and shivering in pain. It was so cold their breath was condensing, freezing and falling to the ground in the form of ice.

"My cheeks, chin and forehead were aching for warmth but I couldn't touch my face. My hands might have frozen off."

Based on Cavano's observations, scientists explain the temperature of Hell to be somewhere in the neighborhood of absolute zero — that's minus 459.67 degrees Fahrenheit.

"At one point the demons released their grip on me," Cavano continued. "When they did I yanked free and ran back to the direction that I'd come from. Next thing I knew I woke up with a start in my bed, back in the conscious earthly world."

Spanish priest and Bible expert Father Miguel Suarez says Cavano's experience is consistent with the Good Book. So do 44 other clergymen all over the world.

"In the Old Testament, the Bible describes Hell as cold," says Father Suarez. "But as any geologist will tell you, the Earth's core has been getting constantly colder ever since then. Later, when Jesus came along, Hell probably averaged a chilly 30 or 40 degrees year round. Many people misunderstood what He meant in the book of Matthew when He talked about 'the lows of Hell and a place of wailing and gnashing of teeth.'

"The lows of Hell are the burning rubbish barrels that ringed landscape — the only source of warmth in that God-forsaken place. And in Aramaic, the language the Bible was written in, 'gnashing of teeth' is an idiom that means shivering.

"Jesus knew that in the future, they would use wood & coal completely over."

As for Cavano, he says the experience transformed his life.

"When I was a lawyer I got some pretty crummy stuff to walk the streets," he says. "That's why I went to Hell.

"But I'm making amends for my lies by working for various causes and trying my best to be kind. I never want to [illegible]

DR. CAVANO compares his ordeal of being pulled down to the cold surface by two demons before Mr. Warren awoke.

naked, doomed souls suffering in sub-zero outlines!

ABSOLUTE ZERO!

Nut cases earn more $$$, say experts!

By RHONDA SHERMAN

Few things make social scientists happier than to poke their noses into our lives. Here are some of the things that they say make us happy — or stressed out:

■ If you have been professionally diagnosed as a neurotic you are likely to have a higher I.Q., more education, a higher employment rate and 23 percent happier existence than someone judged to be psychologically well.

■ Researchers contend that four attributes are essential to happiness: emotional security, lack of cynicism, the belief that life has meaning and feelings of control over the good things that happen.

■ If you have frequent marital squabbles, what you may need is not a family therapist but a second bathroom.

■ Purdue University study has discovered that couples with more than one bathroom, whether they have kids or not, are less stressed and more content than those in single-john homes.

■ If you are a full-time housewife, you feel more stressed about your role than a part-time housewife — and it's probably because you sense that many people today have a low regard for homemakers.

■ If you've lost an ex-mate partner, don't accept the common belief that throwing yourself into social activities or all new acquaintances will erase the

HONEY-BAKED BIMBO!

By SUSAN NAUSON / Weekly World News

Exotic dancer burns to death during fiery act

MIAMI, Fla. — Exotic dancer Betty Louise Frula popped out of a flaming centerpiece at a fancy banquet — and died in a fiery blaze when her feathered costume went up like a torch!

The busty 35-year-old blonde was pronounced dead at the scene. Authorities say [redacted] blaze apparently started when her nine-38DD bosom accidentally [redacted] into contact with the specially [redacted] centerpiece.

She suffered third-degree burns over 98 percent of her body, authorities said.

"She was making her way out of the centerpiece, wiggling her hips and waving her arms around and everybody was really wowed by her act," said a witness, bartender Kristie Parmer. "Then all of a sudden she, like, lost her rhythm and started sort of stepping around. We thought she was getting carried away with the music.

"Pretty soon people noticed that the feathers around her bosom were burning and those little feathery things that were hanging off her arms were smoking.

"A couple of guys jumped up and ran for the fire extinguishers, but by that time she was already burning like she'd been doused with gasoline.

"She was just blazing and hopping around and screaming."

Bystanders poured pitchers of water on her and blasted her with fire extinguishers, witnesses say, but they were too late to save the woman's life.

By the time the fire went out, she was severely burned.

Officials say the dead woman had given her pyrotechnic performance dozens of times before with no problems. But for her act on the evening of her death, the dancer had used a new carpenter who apparently got the measurements for the centerpiece wrong.

"They say she was supposed to come right up the middle of the burning centerpiece on a little elevator platform," said Parmer.

"But you could see it was a tight squeeze and she was having some trouble getting out.

"Then all of a sudden she was flailing and yelling and everything. It was horrible."

BUSTY blonde died after the feathers on her 38DD bosom ignited and burned out of control.

BARTENDER Kristie Parmer.

SEXY Betty Frula shook from spectacular outfit before fatal blaze.

Wacky law bans bearded dentists!

KOHLARO, Australia — A 120-year-old law that forbids dentists from growing beards is still on the books in this superstitious town!

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GIANT HOROSCOPE

By SERENA SA

For the week of Mon. February 10 - Sun. February 16

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your lucky lottery numbers, simply look down your birth sign in the chart below. If you need more numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

$ YOUR LUCKY LOTTERY NUMBERS $

ARIES Mar. 21 - Apr. 19	7, 16, 22, 31, 39, 40
TAURUS Apr. 20 - May 20	1, 19, 23, 28, 45, 49
GEMINI May 21 - June 20	8, 11, 12, 17, 34, 39
CANCER June 21 - July 22	5, 10, 15, 23, 30, 32
LEO July 23 - Aug. 22	14, 24, 31, 33, 36, 38
VIRGO Aug. 23 - Sept. 22	4, 12, 14, 21, 36, 38
LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22	6, 10, 19, 27, 37, 39
SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21	11, 18, 14, 21, 28, 34
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21	1, 12, 18, 17, 34, 44
CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19	13, 23, 33, 31, 32, 35
AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18	9, 18, 20, 31, 38, 46

ARIES
Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

All eyes—and ears—will be on you this week. Be ready to take advantage of your newfound fortune.

Your natural ability to lead could prove valuable. Work things out face to face over the next few days.

Simmering issues in matters could reach the boiling point in a hurry.

Be careful or you could get burned.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 - May 20

Be prepared to work an opportunity that is likely to come your way this week. Work out plans of capacity if necessary but don't waste too much time as you could miss the boat.

Your strong sense of loyalty could be tested in the near future when someone tries to take advantage of your generosity. Be cautious.

Now is a good time to tackle an important project.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 20

Show some consideration to a good deal of others this week. Give your partner an extra bit of freedom. It will help ease some tension.

The versatility and objectivity so characteristic of those born under the sign of the twins should help you make positive changes in your business life.

Work to put a cap on your tendency to be critical and moody.

CANCER
June 21 - July 22

Life should be happier and more creative this week, thanks to your natural tendency for compassion and creativity.

Devote more energy toward making that dollar a dollar while you're occupied. Your results will mean a good reward in the weeks ahead.

Try to make relationships matter more and more affectionate. There is no time to fool around. Get your priorities straight.

LEO
July 23 - Aug. 22

Water sports hold the key. There's a project that needs to be finished this week and you better or else that putting it off will lead you in deep trouble.

An older relative wants to give you advice. The advice you don't follow it.

Romance will bloom at an unexpected moment. What has been lacking will suddenly have a new and exciting twist.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

It is natural for you to be dominating of opposite sex others. It's a little patience this week. It will help you save and in the long run.

A delicate matter of some importance is awaiting for you.

Let your hair down a bit and don't be so aloof.

Keep your eyes open for unusual opportunities that could help you make some extra cash. Pitch in.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

All your hard work could begin to pay off this week. But there is no room to relax. Keep working until the reward is in hand.

Don't keep secrets along the way. Someone important is watching you. Rely on the strength and success of you might find yourself in hot water.

Pay attention to your dreams especially ones about gardens and sunny days.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Watch your temper this week. Someone in authority could drive you nuts with senseless demands and unfair criticism.

Your flair for the dramatic makes a piece of your mind fun. Talking back will get you in trouble. You look like the bad guy. Keep your cool and you'll come out on top.

A possible romantic fling presents itself at last regardless. Don't be afraid to take a chance.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Make plans this week and the stars will smile on you. Almost anything you set out to do should work out well.

A friend wants to have a heart-to-heart with you but feels too shy to ask for your help. Make yourself available and this person will unleash all the courage to say something.

You have a tendency to work hard all the time but don't let your efforts damage your health.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

A change of weather could lead to head duties for you this week so keep your eyes open.

Your stars indicate a period of achievement and contentment ahead. The next few days could bring social stress. You can handle any pressure that arise by communicating your problems frankly and tactfully.

Plans to do some traveling soon.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Take some time to get organized and organize yourself around the week or you will have a good time.

Be patient with people relations who always seem to be asking for more than you have to offer. Don't lose respect to anybody.

Take time to have a good laugh every day of the week. They share you as well others.

PISCES
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Take a long look at your life this week and see where you've been and where you're going. It's time to sort out some issues and set responsible goals.

Take a few hours out of the week to relax and do some reading. Your body has been telling you that you need to take some rest.

There are people who are eager to take advantage of your gentle nature.

Your week
Mon. February 10 - Sun. February 16

Chelsea Clinton's secret ambition . . .

I WANNA BE A TRASH ROCKER!'

By TEDDY GERALD / Weekly World News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Clinton and his wife Hillary are frantically trying to quash daughter Chelsea's raging new ambition — to become a rock star just like her idol, Courtney Love!

White House insiders say the 16-year-old First Kid spends hour after hour locked up in her room pounding an electric guitar and screeching Courtney Love hits like *Doll Parts* and *I Think I Die* at the top of her lungs.

"She's driving her poor parents crazy — and everybody else within earshot," said one Clinton confidant.

"Bill and Hillary have spent years exposing the girl to opera, ballet and the other fine arts, hoping she'll grow up to be a refined, sophisticated young lady.

"But here she is, wailing away like a rock singer.

"And not just any rock singer, but Courtney Love, for Pete's sake.

"It's enough to make Bill and Hillary cry.

"They have their hearts set on Chelsea's becoming a doctor or a lawyer, not some idiot, frizzy haired rocker."

Another insider, wife of a high ranking cabinet official, said Chelsea announced her intention to start her own rock band like Courtney's band late last year and asked her startled parents to buy her an electric guitar.

"But they said no, they didn't want her wasting her time with a guitar, so Chelsea got all huffy and went out and bought herself one with her own money," the insider said.

"Then she locked herself in her room, and according to Hillary 'that's when the caterwauling began.'

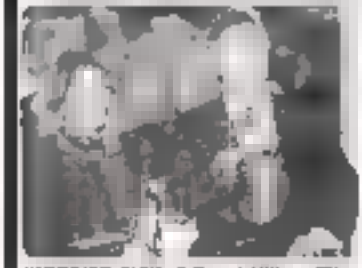
"And guess what I hear. It's been going on ever since."

Sources say the Clintons are desperately trying to cajole Chelsea into channeling her love for Courtney while trying to redirect her interest to higher forms of entertainment.

"But they have not forbidden her to play the guitar and they won't, because they're afraid she just might rebel against them," said the cabinet wife, who asked not to be identified.

"Chelsea's always been such a headstrong kid that they figure she'll come to her senses all by herself sooner or later — because it's obvious to everybody the girl can't sing or play a lick.

"Of course, as her mom said the other day, that never stopped



WORRIED SICK: Bill and Hillary Clinton are all shook-up over Chelsea's obsession with the guitar, insiders say.

HOLE ROCKER Courtney Love is Chelsea's idol

FIRST KID Chelsea Clinton wants to rule the rock world as its ... — and she's practicing day and night

Massages improve job performance

Twice-weekly massages during lunch breaks will improve job performance, says an amazing new survey by scientists at the University of Montreal.

Fifteen-minute massages [illegible] job stress and low productivity [illegible] job dissatisfaction [illegible] leaving the workplace.

Remember [illegible]

DEAF CHEERLEADERS CRUSHED BY TRAIN — WHILE POSING FOR PHOTO!

By JOEL SPERLEY / Weekly World News

LIVELIER the dead girls, this pep squad wisely arranged to have their yearbook pictures shot inside the high school.

SYDNEY, Australia — Six cheerleaders from the Bartlett School for the Deaf were crushed under the wheels of a locomotive that rounded a bend and ran over them as they posed for a picture on the track!

"I yelled at the top of my lungs and waved my arms, but they couldn't hear me or the train — and suddenly it was too late," said Paul Dupont, the photographer who was taking the picture of the teenagers for their high school yearbook.

"I keep thinking there was something I could have done, but I was using a telephoto lens and was too far away to run down and push them off the track.

"I feel awful about this, just terrible.

"It was a nightmare I'll never forget."

The tragic drama unfolded on a sunny Thursday morning after Dupont and the girls — Maria Gray, 17, Jennifer Lawrence, 16, Candice Hester, 16, Anna Morelock, 18, Elizabeth Purcell, 18 and Cindi Farley, 18 — walked to a train track a half-mile from the Bartlett School to pose for the photo.

According to Dupont, the cheerleaders took mats along with them to pad the ties.

After putting them down, they posed for the photographer.

"I told them the train track would be symbolic of their journey in life and insisted on posing between the rails," said the photographer.

"It took about 15 minutes to set up the shot, and I had already taken three or four pictures when the train came around a bend about 50 yards from the girls.

"I tried to warn them, but they were deaf — and couldn't hear me yelling for them to get away.

"I don't know how to sign for the deaf, so I waved my arms like a madman.

"There just was not enough time.

"The engineer hit his brakes but the train couldn't stop.

"It was over in a split second — but it seemed like an eternity to me." Authorities said the girls perished on impact and were so badly mangled only two of the bodies could be definitely identified.

A spokesman for the Bartlett School declined to comment, but in a written statement she called the accident "a tragedy of unimaginable impact.

"We are devastated by the event."

No charges will be filed, police said.

PHOTOGRAPHER Paul Dupont.

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THE INCREDIBLE HAPPY PILL!

By DONNA SAYLOR / Weekly World News

A pill that's available everywhere can boost your sex life, make you happier and pep you up. It's called Tienchi ginseng — and anyone can reap the benefits for mere pennies a day.

"Tienchi works," declares author and herb expert Susan Ambrosino.

"Although known to many Americans merely as sex boosters, the various ginsengs are actually excellent tonic herbs that can help your mind and body function better at every level and in every way.

"In Traditional Chinese Medicine, Tienchi ginseng is considered to be the best of the best, and there have been times in history when it quite literally has been worth its weight in gold.

"I've heard miracle stories from people who have used Tienchi to banish mood problems, fatigue, general tiredness and stress.

"Athletes use it to increase energy, stamina and endurance. And believe it or not, this amazing herb is also a favorite of people suffering from joint inflammation and arthritic conditions of all kinds.

"In my experience, they report significant and many times miraculous relief from pain with regular use."

There are many good ginsengs on the market, said Miss Ambrosino, including Korean and Chinese varieties.

It's available everywhere and experts say it can:

- **Boost your spirits**
- **Improve your sex life**
- **Give you energy to go, go, GO!**

HERB EXPERT Susan Ambrosino says Tienchi ginseng can help your mind and body function better at every level and in every way.

But she recommends Tienchi as "Mother Nature's happy pill."

"Tienchi has been studied extensively and is also considered to be an excellent heart and body tonic, as well as a blood energizer," she continued.

"It is also suggested as an aid to lowering cholesterol and promoting a sense of inner strength and both physical and mental well-being, which is why I call it a 'happy pill.'

"Tienchi isn't the cheapest ginseng around, but at $12 to $15 for a four to six week supply, it's not going to break you — and the quality is uniformly high," said Miss Ambrosino.

"It is widely available in health food stores, herb shops and via mail order," she said.

How to turn your lunch

By DAVID GAGNON / Weekly World News

Escape the daily pressures of your job and turn your lunch hour into a vacation.

"Most days will require a bit of discipline on the part of the employee to do this," said psychologist Dr. Molly Carnabucci.

"People should use their lunch break to get away from the day's problems and forget the tensions that have accumulated and to [illegible]."

Some things "employees to escape daily pressures:

• Visit a travel agency. Designing about the faraway parts of the world you've never visited can be [illegible] place to quiet the mind and escape the pressures than the peace and tranquility of a church."

• Browse through a grocery store. You can get a tremendous lift [illegible] thinking of all those happy and exciting times that lie ahead."

• Visit a library. "Reading newspapers, magazines or books or listening to music in a library is a no-cost

How to talk your way out of a traffic ticket!

By GEORGE MARSH/Weekly World News

With a dash of common sense and a glib tongue, you can convince a traffic cop not to give you a ticket, says an expert.

"Learn to develop the right attitude," said David Kelley, who wrote *How to Talk Your Way Out of a Traffic Ticket.* "An officer is human, too. If you really try to show him that you're not some jerk who's trying to get away with something, he will respond."

Kelley offered these innocent-sounding comments you can use — in your own words — which just might convince an officer not to lay open his ticket pad:

● "I'm usually a very safe driver, officer. A warning from you will be more than enough."

● "Insurance for someone my age is pretty high. Will you trust me not to make the same mistake again?"

● "Will you excuse me this one time? I promise you won't ever have to stop me again."

● "This is my first offense. Could you give me some extra consideration?"

● "I know I was going a little too fast, but I have an emergency on my hands. I'm taking my (son, friend) to the hospital." (Don't lie about this. The officer may take your license and follow you to the hospital to see if you really do have an emergency.)

● "How can I fix my car so it will be completely legal, officer?"

● "Officer, is there anything I can do or say that would make you decide to give me just a warning, instead of a ticket?"

And here are some things you should definitely NOT say to an officer who has stopped you, according to Kelley:

● "I've had five tickets. If you write me one more I'll lose my license." Chances are the officer will jump at the chance to get you off the road for a while.

● "I'll see you in court." After giving you the ticket, he'll be better prepared to beat you in court by taking extensive notes about the violation.

● "You can't write me a ticket — I haven't done anything wrong." The officer will take this as a challenge and be certain to write you a ticket.

COMPANY HONORS 62-YEAR-OLD COUPON!

By R. NEALE LIND
Weekly World News

DOCTORS INLET, Fla. — Frugal senior Fred Simpson saw a coupon in a magazine offering a one dollar mail-order breakfast from a dairy farm. He sent the dollar in with the coupon and the company honored the request — even though the ad was 62 years old!

Simpson, 64, was browsing through a 1936 issue of *Fortune* magazine when he saw the coupon and offer from Jones Dairy Farm in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

"There was no expiration date on it, even though it was over 60 years old," said the retired auditor.

"I showed it to my wife and told her I was going to send it in. She said, 'Aw go on, you're wasting your time.' "

But four days later the company proved that time is no factor when it comes to honoring its promises.

A UPS truck showed up at Simpson's home with a cooler stuffed with ice packs, a pound of pork sausage, a box of buckwheat pancake flour and a jar of Wisconsin maple syrup.

Jones Dairy Farm national sales director Ed Reiner said he showed the ad to Bill Jones, whose family owns the company. Jones didn't hesitate. "He said, 'Ship it.' " Reiner says.

6 easy tips to beat burnout!

Burned out? You can rekindle your zest for life by following a few easy tips, says a psychologist.

"People in all walks of life can suffer burnout," declared Dr. W. Beryl West.

Burnout is the result of too much stress, the expert explained.

Among the signs: Physical and emotional exhaustion, irritability, depression, anger, sleeplessness and a tendency to withdraw from people.

By JUNE LAWYER
Weekly World News

Here are Dr. West's tips to battle burnout:

TAKE A MINI-VACATION. Go camping, run on a beach or simply spend a weekend at a nearby hotel. "The idea is just to get away from it all," said the expert.

GIVE A HUG, GET A HUG. Hugging is a natural way to get back in touch with others. We all respond to the reassuring feeling of being held close. "If you don't have anyone to hug, hug your dog or cat," said West.

Make your bedroom comfortable so you sleep well. Keep it at just the right temperature. Plump up the pillows and keep your bed linens refreshingly clean. Keep your radio tuned to a relaxing station.

GIVE UP ANY GRUDGES YOU'RE HOLDING. "Carrying around a sack of grudges can be a heavy load and can cost you a great deal of emotional energy," said Dr. West. Forgive each person for their offenses against you — and don't forget to forgive yourself for past misdeeds.

SELECT ONE ROOM IN YOUR HOUSE AS "YOUR PLACE." Make it a tranquil spot for reading or just plain relaxing.

DO SOMETHING YOU LOVED TO DO AS A CHILD. Fly a kite, roll in the grass or enjoy a cookie that reminds you of the ones Grandma used to bake. Dr. West concluded, "Pay attention to these tips to battle burnout and you'll rekindle your fire for life."

hour into a vacation!

"Many people find it relaxing to be treated well and pampered. And there's no better place to get those experiences than in a beauty shop offering a quick hair-care service."

● Attend a seminar on [illegible] at your own level in the [illegible] and beauty [illegible].

A [illegible] class could be just what you need to relieve [illegible] headaches, [illegible] shoulder and the [illegible]

Giant clams rarely kill human divers!

Contrary to popular belief, giant clams almost never kill human divers.

In fact, the only documented case was on May 7, 1934, when William D. Cobb saw one of the huge mollusk's slate shut on a Filipino pearl diver, causing the terrified man to drown.

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